

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, add as the first sentence:

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Page 1, paragraph 4:

In these known processes a selection is therefore carried out prior to the thermal treatment in order to obtain as much fault-free wood as possible as starting material. Due to this selection process, a ~~not-inconceivable~~ considerable part of the starting material is not applied for thermal preservation. Even raw materials considered beforehand to be suitable for less critical applications, for instance as fence planks, can still have so many defects after the thermal modification that they cannot then be utilized for the intended application.